IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

~~metadata acquisition means for acquiring~~ a processor configured to acquire metadata of content;

~~metadata analysis means for analyzing~~ said processor configured to analyze an attribute of said acquired metadata ~~acquired by said metadata acquisition means~~;

~~dictionary generation means for generating~~ said processor configured to generate dictionary data for correlating said attribute with an attribute item contained in said attribute on the basis of ~~an~~ a result of said analysis ~~result acquired by said metadata analysis means~~;

said processor configured to detect, from among words contained in said metadata, a word which is high in co-occurrence in metadata of other contents having a particular attribute item as a keyword of said attribute item, thereby correlating said attribute item of said metadata with said keyword; ~~and~~

~~database generation means for assigning~~ said processor configured to assign said attribute item to said acquired metadata ~~acquired by said metadata acquisition means~~ on the basis of said generated dictionary data; ~~generated by said dictionary data generation means~~ and

a memory configured to store ~~storing~~ said metadata assigned with said attribute item into a database.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein said ~~dictionary generation means deletes~~ processor is configured to delete an unnecessary word included in said metadata, wherein said unnecessary word is a commonly detected word which is not important in identifying a content of said metadata.

4. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to assign ~~database generation means assigns~~ a genre to said metadata as said attribute item.

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

~~extraction means for extracting~~ said processor configured to extract interest data indicative of user interest;

~~search means for extracting~~ said processor configured to extract a keyword from said interest data ~~extracted by said extraction means~~, searching, on the basis of said keyword, said generated dictionary data ~~generated by said dictionary generation means for acquiring~~ to acquire a genre corresponding to said keyword, and searching, on the basis of said genre, said generated database ~~generated by said database generation means~~; and

~~presentation means for presenting~~ said processor configured to present information retrieved by said search ~~means~~;

wherein a user evaluation entered in response to said information presented ~~by said presentation means~~ is reflected on the extraction of said interest data.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~wherein said~~ further comprising ~~metadata analysis means comprising~~:

~~resolving means for resolving~~ said processor configured to resolve said metadata into components; and

~~storage means for collecting~~ a memory configured to collect and store said resolved metadata ~~resolved by said resolving means~~ for each attribute item~~, and storing the collected metadata~~.

7. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein, on the basis of the components included in said metadata, said processor is configured to complement ~~database generation means complements~~ a component which is not included in said metadata.

8. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to assign ~~database generation means assigns~~, as said attribute, a popularity category to the acquired metadata ~~acquired by said metadata acquisition means~~.

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said processor is configured to generate ~~dictionary generation means generates~~ a dictionary of said popularity category on the basis of a keyword contained in said metadata, and ~~said database generation means assigns~~ assign said popularity category of said metadata on the basis of said dictionary.

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, on the basis of a keyword contained in said metadata, said processor is configured to

assign ~~database generation means assigns~~, as said attribute of said metadata, an association category for associating a plurality of attribute items associated with said keyword.

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring metadata of content;

analyzing an attribute of said metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step;

generating dictionary data for correlating said attribute with an attribute item contained in said attribute on the basis of an analysis result acquired in said metadata analysis step; ~~and~~

detecting, from among words contained in said metadata, a word which is high in co-occurrence in metadata of other contents having a particular attribute item as a keyword of said attribute item, thereby correlating said attribute item of said metadata with said keyword;

generating a database by assigning said attribute item to metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step on the basis of said dictionary data generated in said dictionary data generation step[[,]]; and ~~by~~

storing said metadata assigned with said attribute item into a database.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording a program for making a computer execute the ~~controlling~~ steps of:

acquiring metadata of content;

analyzing an attribute of said metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step;

generating dictionary data for correlating said attribute with an attribute item contained in said attribute on the basis of an analysis result acquired in said metadata analysis step; ~~and~~

detecting, from among words contained in said metadata, a word which is high in co-occurrence in metadata of other contents having a particular attribute item as a keyword of said attribute item, thereby correlating said attribute item of said metadata with said keyword;

generating a data base by assigning said attribute item to metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step on the basis of said dictionary data generated in said dictionary data generation step[[,]]; and ~~by~~

storing said metadata assigned with said attribute item into a database.